

Today in Corps history:

**Oct. 24, 1915:** The Marine Corps Recruit Depot was moved from Norfolk, Va., and established at Parris Island.

Source: Marine Corps History

FAST FACT



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# THE BOOT

“We Make Marines”

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### 3rd Bn. takes Intramural Soccer championship

3rd Bn. defeated Law Center 6-3 in the finals of the 2003 Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina Intramural Soccer Tournament at the Depot ...

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## Local News

### PIOSC HOSTS ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY

The Parris Island Officer's Spouses' Club will hold its annual Craft Fair Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Greene Street Gym in downtown Beaufort near the National Cemetery. There will be more than 55 crafters as well as food and prize drawings.

All proceeds will benefit scholarship and philanthropy funds. Call 522-8309 for more information.

### DEPOT COMMISSARY HAS NEW HOURS

The Depot Commissary now has new hours and will be open Wednesday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., with Early Bird and handicap shopping from 8:30 - 9 a.m.

The Commissary is also open Saturday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 5 pm.

### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

A Motorcycle Safety Course instructor is needed for Parris Island and applications are currently being accepted.

Qualifications include an "M" class license, currently owning and operating a motorcycle and having a minimum of 18 months left at Parris Island after completion of the course. The course of instruction will include 100 training hours, which will qualify graduates to teach military and authorized civilians. Instructors will teach an average of eight - 16 hours per month.

To apply, call Depot Safety at 228-3213.

### OFFICERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

The Senate Youth Escort Officer program is looking for two company grade officers and one major to escort high school students as they visit Washington, D.C., sites from Feb. 28 - Mar. 6. Escorts must pay their own travel and lodging expenses. Chain-of-command approval is required for applicants.

Contact Maj. Ken White at 228-2080 for more information.

## On the Web

### THE BOOT IS NOW ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Past and current editions of *The Boot* can now be found at [www.mcrdpi.usmc.mil](http://www.mcrdpi.usmc.mil).

The papers are available for viewing and downloading in Adobe Acrobat.

## Out in Town

### HAUNTED HAY RIDES IN SEA PINES FOREST

Visit Sea Pines Forest Preserve on Hilton Head Island Oct. 29 - 30 for a Haunted Halloween Hayride through the Sea Pines Forest Preserve.

Scary sounds, ghost and goblins await riders as they go on the spookiest ride of their lives.

For more information, call 363-4530.

## Weather



**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 73 Low 53  
**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 75 Low 61  
**Sunday**  
Scat. Storms  
Hi 77 Low 63

## I thought this Amazing Race was supposed to be hard ...



Cpl. Alisha R. Fitzgerald

**First Sgt. Robert Knox Jr., Fox Co. First Sergeant, 2nd RTBn., paddles into the Depot Facilities Maintenance fishing dock on 3rd Bn. Pond during the kayaking portion of the 2nd Annual Depot Amazing Race Oct. 15. A four-man team, consisting of Sgt. Carlos Duran, a purchasing agent at the Depot Regional Contracting Office, Sgt. Michel Leandre, contracting specialist at RCO, Cpl. Angel DeJesus, Service Co. clerk, H&SBn., and Lance Cpl. Donald Crocker, a supply clerk at the Depot Property Control Department, won the race. They were each awarded \$50 savings bonds donated by Fort Sill National Bank.**

# Depot conducts AT/FP exercise

**STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN N. HAYNES**  
*PRESS CHIEF*

The Depot stepped up its security level as Marines conducted their annual Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection exercise to increase awareness of the possibility of terrorist activities, as well as the measures used to counter these activities Monday - Wednesday.

The three-day exercise was designed to test the Depot's capability to analyze intelligence, apply concepts and procedures outlined in the Depot's AT/FP Plan (DepO P3302.1 w/ch 1), and conduct response/recovery operations in the event of a damaging terrorist attack.

From the military policemen at the gate, to the command center where tactical decisions are made, Marines performed tasks that will enable the Depot to deal with terrorist threats and acts. The training is an annual requirement for Marine Corps installations and a common sense training evolution for Marines, as it can save their lives.

During the exercise, a Tactical Exercise Control Group, lead by the Assistant Chief of Staff for

Operations, inserted scenarios based on intelligence indicators. These indicators prompted increased Force Protection Conditions and challenged various Depot emergency services like the Provost Marshal's Office, fire department and the medical services.

The exercise tested intelligence collection and dissemination procedures, and gate sentry procedures to control access on and off the Depot.

Depot personnel were used as role players to further test the Depot's response capability.

All scenarios used were fictional, but based on the goals and methods of an actual terrorist organization.

The success of such exercises (which translates into success in real situations) lies in the training and planning conducted on a recurring basis. From the Marine Corps Institute course on anti-terrorism to hip-pocket classes taught by small unit leaders, awareness and knowledge are the keys to thwarting the acts of terrorists.

See next week's edition of *The Boot* for more coverage on the AT/FP exercise.

# Depot set to say 'thank you' to civilian workers for hard work, dedication

## Picnic will highlight Civilian Appreciation Day as Depot gives back to brothers-in-arms

**CPL. THOMAS PERRY**

*STAFF WRITER*

The Depot's civilian personnel will be recognized for their hard work and dedication during Tuesday's 2003 Civilian Appreciation Day Picnic at the Four Winds Club.

"General McMenamin wants to recognize the civilians for the support they give to the Depot," said Capt. Tim Hough, operations officer for H&SBn. "We could not function without them."

The event begins at 11 a.m. at the Depot's Movie Theater with Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Joseph J. McMenamin's, opening remarks citing the Depot civilian's importance to the everyday operations of the Depot. After his remarks, Brig. Gen. McMenamin will participate in a civilian pin presentation.

Hough said that Brig. Gen. McMenamin is going to present a civilian service pin to the youngest and oldest

civilian employee on the Depot highlighting how long they have been worked on the Depot.

From 12:30 - 3 p.m., a barbecue lunch will be served including fried chicken, barbeque pork, baked beans, potato salad, cookies, dessert and beverages. Additionally, adult beverages will be available for a fee.

Picnic activities, which will run from 12:30 - 4 p.m., include basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, card playing, various board games and dominos. A D.J. will also play music for the duration of the event and door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Also, Depot activities such as golfing and bowling will be available for use by civilian employees at discounted rates from 12 - 4 p.m.

The Legends at Parris Island, the Depot Fitness Center, the Child Development Center and the Temporary Lodging Facility will not be closed for the event. All employees required, by the nature of their jobs, to work during the event may receive four hours administrative leave. The leave must be taken by April 28.

For more information, contact Hough at 228-3126 or Gunnery Sgt. Lance Dobine at 228-2939.

# DI's run in Relay for Life for fellow DI

**CPL. JENNIFER BROFER**

*STAFF WRITER*

Clapping to the rhythm of Marine Corps cadences under the stadium lights, 13 4th RTBn. drill instructors ran in formation around the track at Battery Creek High School during the 9th Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Beaufort.

They ran in support of a fellow drill instructor who was diagnosed with breast cancer in June.

The drill instructors, along with countless other participants, gathered at the track to run a few laps, donate money for cancer research and raise awareness to support the fight against cancer, which is the second leading cause of death in the U.S., according to the American Cancer Society.

Though some of the drill instructors had participated in the relay for several years, this year's run was especially meaningful for them because they were supporting one of their own, Sgt. Deborah Ham, a former Oscar Co. drill instructor.

Ham was just 24 years old when she was diagnosed. Being as young as she was, it was alarming for friends to hear of the diagnosis. However, the reality is cancer can happen to men and women of any age, young and old. Ham's diagnosis was a wake-up call for many of the drill instructors, and served as an example for others not to become a statistic.

According to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), more than 1.3 million new cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed this year alone.

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Cpl. Jennifer Brofer

**Drill instructors from 4th RTBn. clap to the beat of Marine Corps cadences as they run in formation around the track at Battery Creek High School during the 9th Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Beaufort. They were supporting a fellow drill instructor, Sgt. Deborah Ham, who was diagnosed with stage-four breast cancer in June.**